



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### INFORMATION SERVICE

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Hunters who violated the Federal migratory bird regulations during the last fiscal year paid \$62,357 in fines and received jail sentences totaling 462 days, according to a report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

The 60 game management agents of the Fish and Wildlife Service, working singly or with Federal Deputy game wardens and state officers, obtained 1,935 convictions for illegal hunting during the period.

One of the largest fines was paid by an Ohio hunter who killed 28 ducks in one forenoon and received a fine amounting to \$17.80 per duck.

The fine of \$500 was recently assessed against Walter M. Braun, of Toledo, Ohio, by Federal Judge Frank L. Kloebe, of the same city.

According to W. E. Crouch, chief of the Service's Division of game management, the arrest was made by the Game Management Agent Fred E. Brint who watched the shooting through binoculars and counted the ducks as they came tumbling out of the sky.

Children in a nearby orphanage got the confiscated ducks for dinner.

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